

Application No. 10/812,640
AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL dated June 12, 2008
Reply to Office Action of March 14, 2008

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4-21, and 23-25 are pending with claims 4, 5, 7-10, 14, 15, 18-20, and 23-25 having been previously withdrawn based upon an election requirement. Claims 4, 5, 8-10, and 21 are canceled herein.

Initially, the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 1, 2, 6, 11-13, 16, and 17 is noted with appreciation. In this regard, the objections to allowable claims 1, 2, 6, 11-13, 16, and 17 have all been addressed by claim amendments as suggested in the Action so that these claims should now all be in condition for allowance. In addition, a typographical error in claim 1 from the previous amendment is corrected to change “corresponding” to --cooperating-. Further, the claim amendments to address the objections to claim 1 also moot the objection to the specification, and the rejection of claims 1, 2, 6, and 11 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph.

With respect to the withdrawn dependent claims, it is believed that allowable claim 1 recites subject matter that is generic to the subject matter of withdrawn dependent claim 7 such that it is appropriate to reinstate claim 7 into the subject application to be allowable with claim 1. Similarly, the subject matter of allowable claim 12 is believed to be generic to the subject matter of withdrawn dependent claims 14, 15, and 18-20 such that it is appropriate to reinstate these withdrawn claims to be allowable with claim 12.

Claim 21 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,364,348 to Jang et al. in view of WO 02/079009 A1 to Hamada et al.

The cancellation of claim 21 moots the prior art rejection thereof.

Since only allowable claims remain in the present application, such action as consistent therewith is respectfully requested.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required with respect to this communication, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1135.

Respectfully submitted,
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